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Mr. Dick Turner
c/o Rancho Equipment
1557 West Ashby Road
Delta, UT 84624-7357

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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Turner:

This letter is in regard to Rancho Equipment's pending large mine permit (serialized as DOGM file M/001/058) to expand and continue operations at the Red Emerald Mine located in the southern Wah Wah Mtns., Beaver County, Utah. The mine site is located entirely on Federally-owned land administered by the BLM Cedar City Field Office. The mine was originally permitted, with Red Emerald Inc. as the operator, as a small mine under DOGM rules (file number S/001/048) and as a plan of operations under BLM regulations, (file number UTU-79716). As you know, Rancho Equipment exceeded the 5 acre limit for the small mine permit in April 2004, and was directed by DOGM to submit an interim bond and submit the necessary large mine permit application to comply with DOGM rules.

This office has reviewed the current corrected version of your large mine permit with DOGM, which will also serve as the updated plan of operations under the applicable 43 CFR 3809.400 regulations. For the pending large mine permit to be in compliance with the applicable BLM regulations, it will be necessary for Rancho Equipment to make the following part of that permit:

Monitoring Plan

The operator, Rancho Equipment, or its successors agree to:

1. Monitor all areas within the approved permit area for noxious weeds (noxious weeds being those that are listed as noxious under the Beaver County weed control plan) throughout the time the permit is in effect. Control and eradicate any occurrences of noxious weeds that occur within the permit area while the permit is in effect.

2. Monitor the approved permit area to prevent unauthorized access and use of the permit area. Monitor the permit area monthly to assure that the mine gate is secure and that unauthorized vehicle access is not occurring on the permit area. The BLM Cedar City Field Office will be notified of incidents of unauthorized vehicle access.
3. Provide the BLM Cedar City Field Office with a key to the gate lock on the mine access road.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ed Ginouves of my staff at 435-865-3040.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd S. Christensen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Todd" being more prominent.

Todd S. Christensen
Field Office Manager

cc: Tom Munson, DOGM